ARS Analog Series

Analog Audio Source Selection
and Signal Routing Unit with 5 to 40
Inputs and 1 to 8 Outputs On Single
or Dual Connectors

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User and Service Manual

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Introduction

Congratulations on your selection of the Wohler Technologies ARS Analog series audio source selection and routing unit. We are confident it represents the best performance and value available, and we guarantee your satisfaction with it.

Please do not hesitate to write, phone, FAX, or e-mail us if you have any further questions, comments or suggestions.

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Section 1

General Features and Specifications

Description
Features
Applications
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Special Options
Front and Rear Panel Configurations

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ARS Analog Series

Audio Source Selection and Routing

Description

The ARS Analog series from Wohler Technologies provides electronic switching for multiple audio sources in a single rack space. An ARS unit may function as a stand-alone audio routing switcher, or as the source selector in an interactive system for aural and visual monitoring of multiple audio sources.

The ARS Series features a modular design which allows units to be configured to suit a variety of specific application requirements. An ARS unit can be configured to accept up to 40 mono or 20 stereo inputs, with signals routed to one or two stereo or mono outputs. A total of 19 configurations are possible, including one which allows the ARS to serve as a 5 x 4 audio matrix switcher.

Balanced or single-ended inputs are accepted on Phoenix style, plug-in, screw clamp terminal blocks. Outputs may be either balanced or single-ended on 3-pin or 5-pin XLR or 8-pin DIN connectors.

Features

- Single rack space
- CMOS switching
- 19 possible input/output configurations available.
- Mono or stereo inputs with output on one or two mono or stereo connectors.
- LED indication of selected channel(s).
- Tactile switches offer "radio button" style single channel selection with the additional flexibility of multiple channel selection.
- Comprehensive system application in conjunction with Wohler AMP Series monitors and LM Series multiple source level metering.

Applications

The ARS Analog series is ideally suited for use in broadcast, recording, corporate and industrial video, satellite link facilities, and commercial sound applications. Designed and manufactured in the U.S., the ARS Series is backed by a strong warranty and a satisfaction guaranteed return policy.

Specifications

Input Impedance (min.):	40 kΩ (Ohm) balanced	Noise:	-65 dB
Input Level: (maximum):	+26 dBv	Maximum Output:	+20 dBv into 600Ω (Ohm)
Crosstalk:	-65 dB	Dimensions (H x W x D)	1.75 x 19 x 6 inches (44.5 x 483 x 149 mm)
Distortion:	Less than 0.05%	Weight (maximum):	7 lbs. (3.18 kg)
Frequency Response:	± .5 dB 20 Hz - 20 kHz	Power Supply:	24 VAC; UL, CSA, or TUV approved

Special Options

- Pair of tri-color LED level meters
- IPI-1 phase/polarity indicator
- Remote control input-output
- Rotary switch activation

(Only one of the above options can be installed on any single unit. The level meter option is not is available on ARS-4x models.)

Units are certified to meet, at time of manufacture, all currently applicable product safety and EMC requirements, such as those of UL and CE. 0 dbV ref. 0.775V RMS. Features and specifications subject to improvement without notice.

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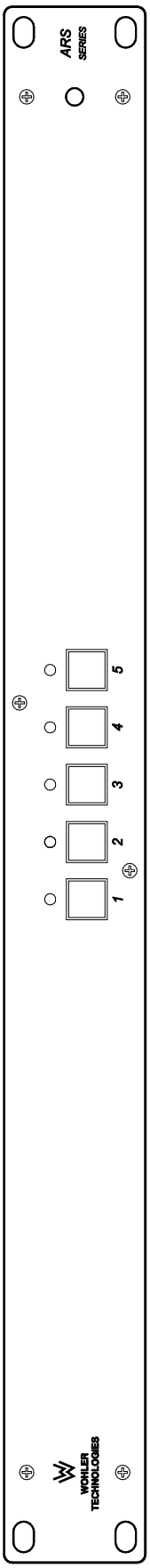
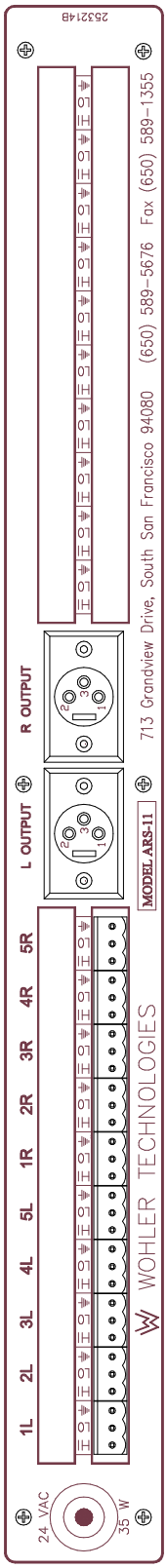
ARS Series Front and Rear Panel Configurations





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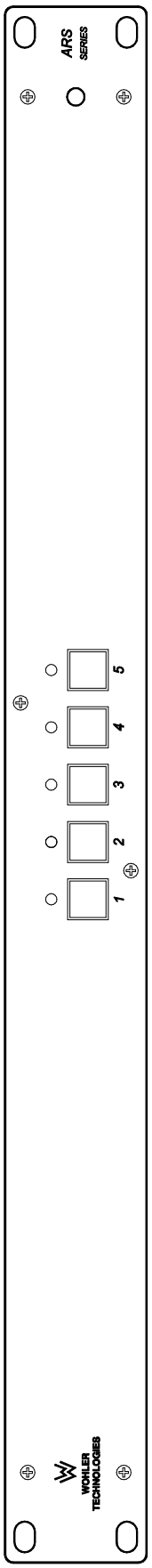

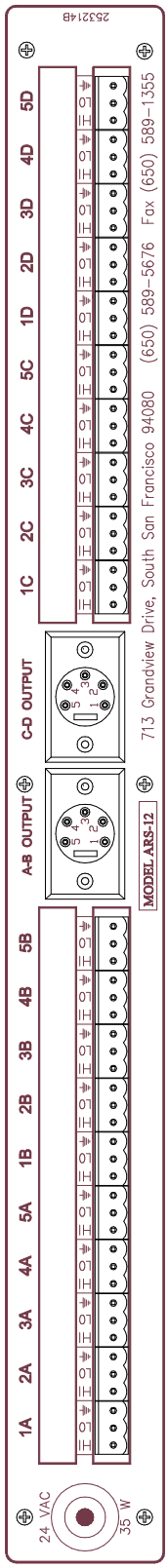
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24 VAC
35 W
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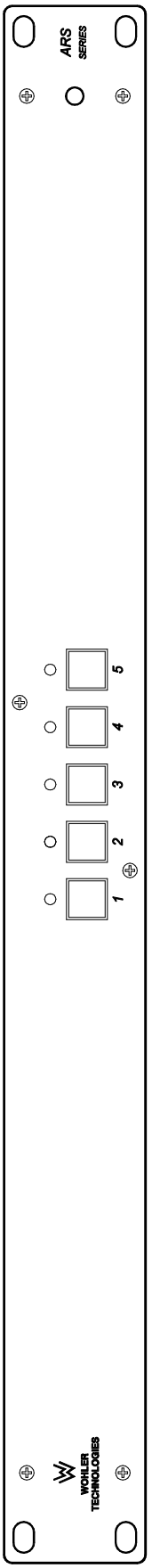
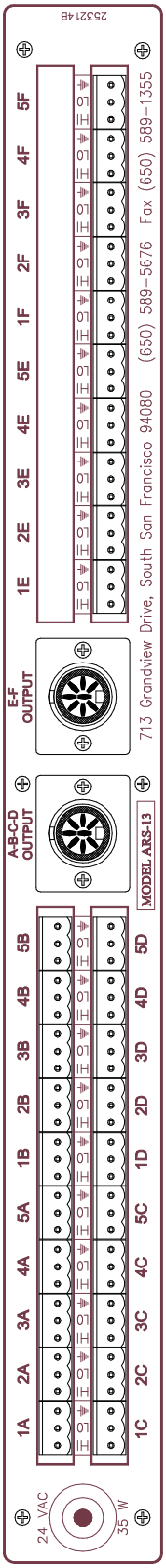
Four Groups of Five Mono Inputs to One Mono Output

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24 VAC
35 W
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Six Groups of Five Mono Inputs to One Mono Output

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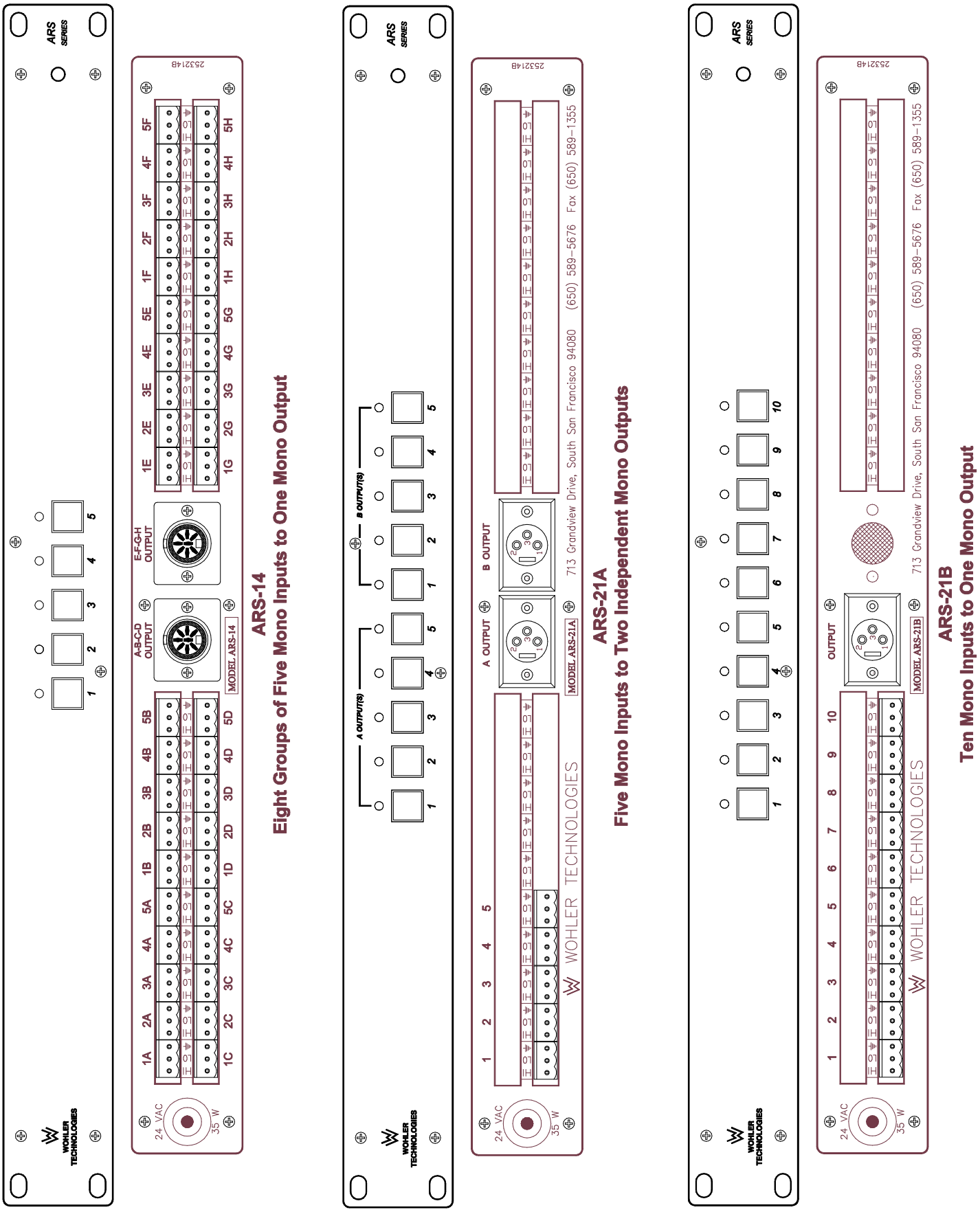
Front and Rear Panel Configurations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E-F-G-H OUTPUT
1E 2E 3E 4E 5E 1F 2F 3F 4F 5F
1G 2G 3G 4G 5G 1H 2H 3H 4H 5H
24 VAC
35 W
MODEL ARS-14
A OUTPUT(S)
B OUTPUT(S)
A OUTPUT
B OUTPUT
MODEL ARS-21A
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OUTPUT
MODEL ARS-21B

ARS-14
Eight Groups of Five Mono Inputs to One Mono Output

ARS-21A
Five Mono Inputs to Two Independent Mono Outputs

ARS-21B
Ten Mono Inputs to One Mono Output

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Front and Rear Panel Configurations

ARS-21C
Two Independent Groups of Five Mono Inputs to One Mono Output

ARS-22A
Five Stereo Inputs to Two Independent Stereo Outputs

ARS-22B
Ten Stereo Inputs to One Stereo Output

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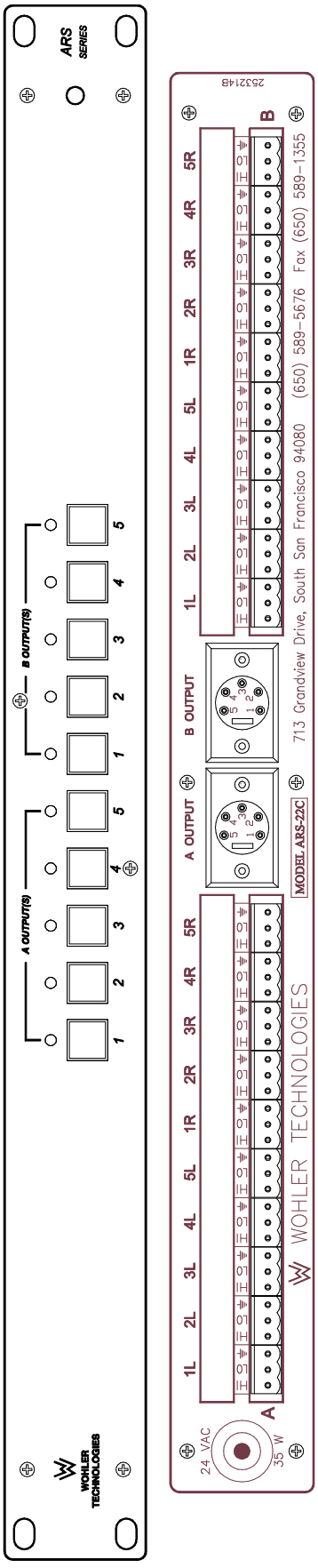
Front and Rear Panel Configurations



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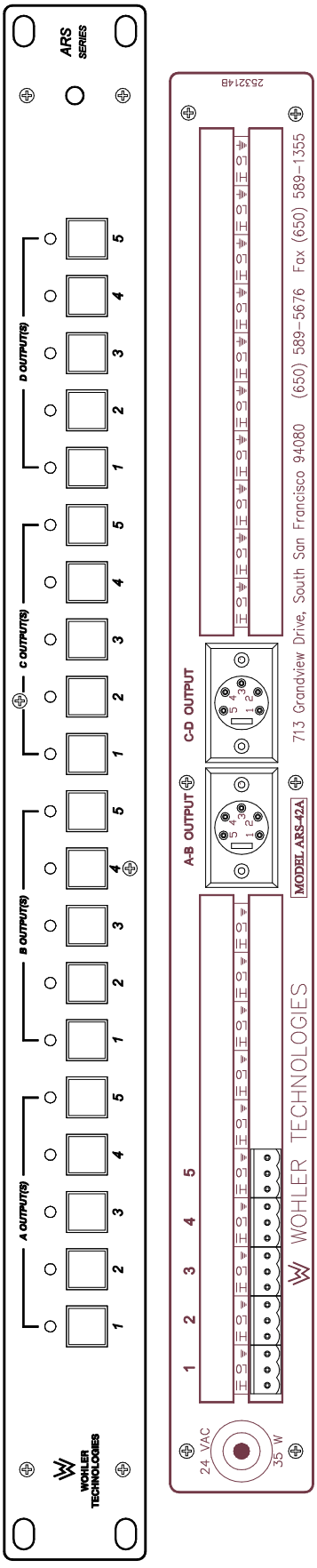
Two Independent Groups of Five Stereo Inputs to One Stereo Output



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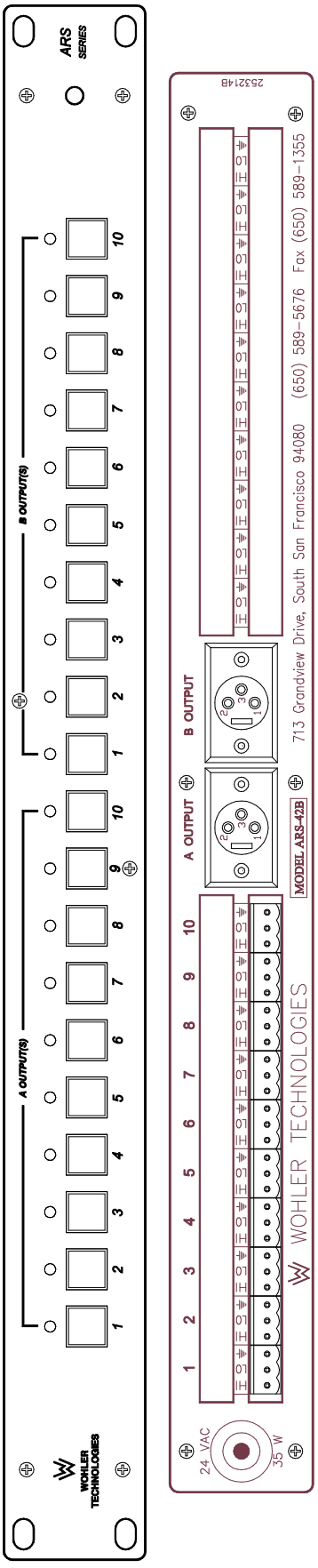
Five Mono Inputs to Four Independent Outputs



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Ten Mono Inputs to Two Independent Mono Outputs

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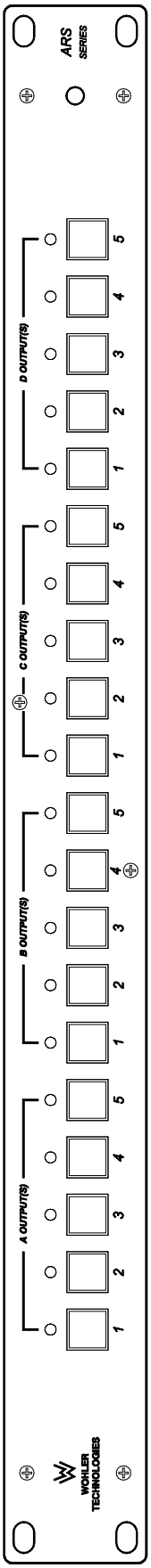
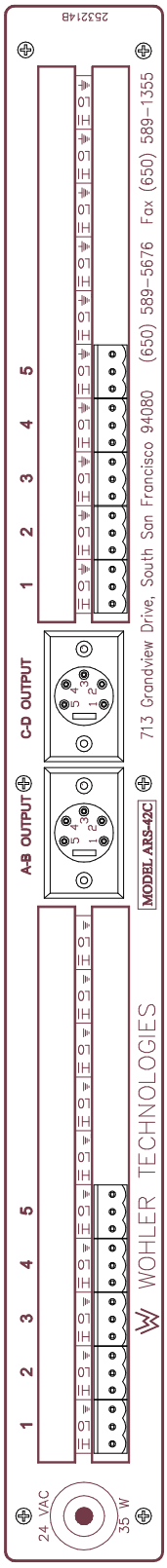
Front and Rear Panel Configurations





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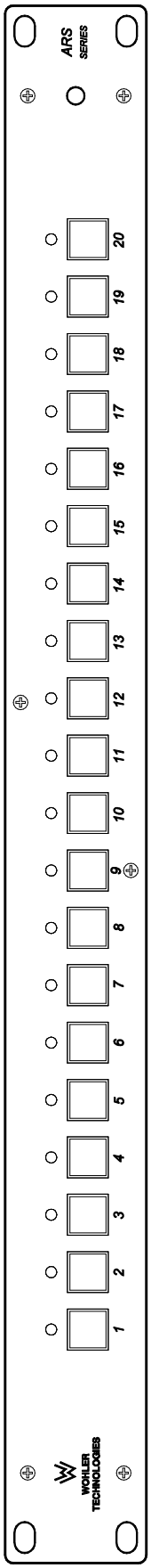
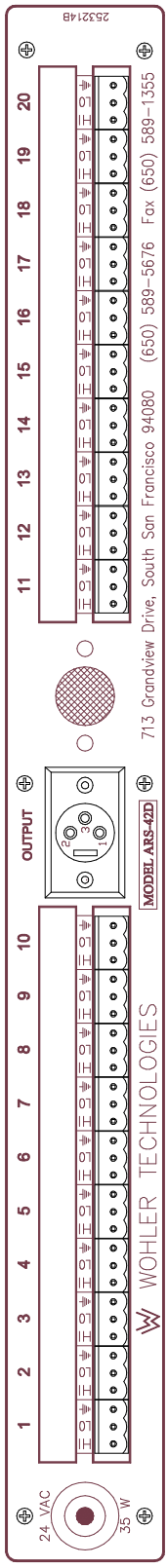
Two Independent Groups of Five Mono Inputs to Two Independent Mono Outputs





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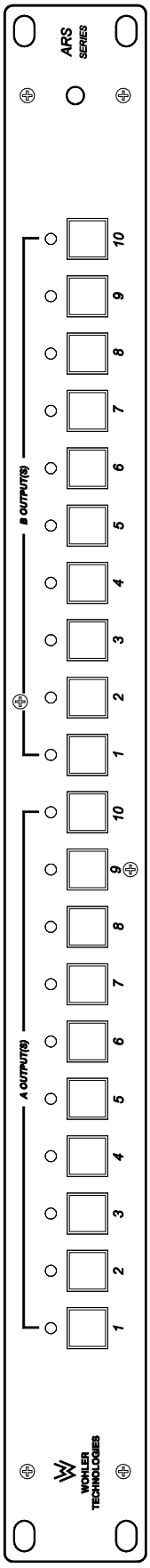
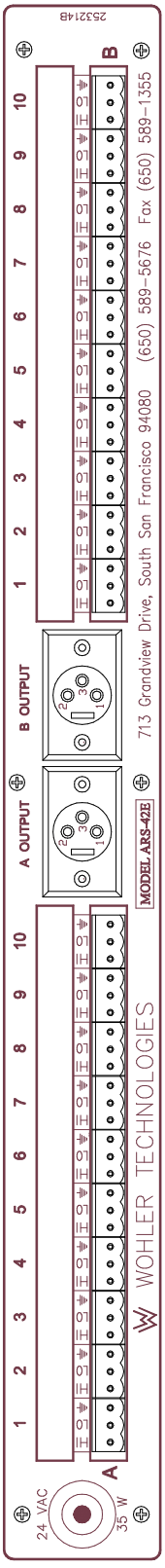
Twenty Mono Inputs to One Mono Output





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Two Independent Groups of Ten Mono Inputs to One Mono Output

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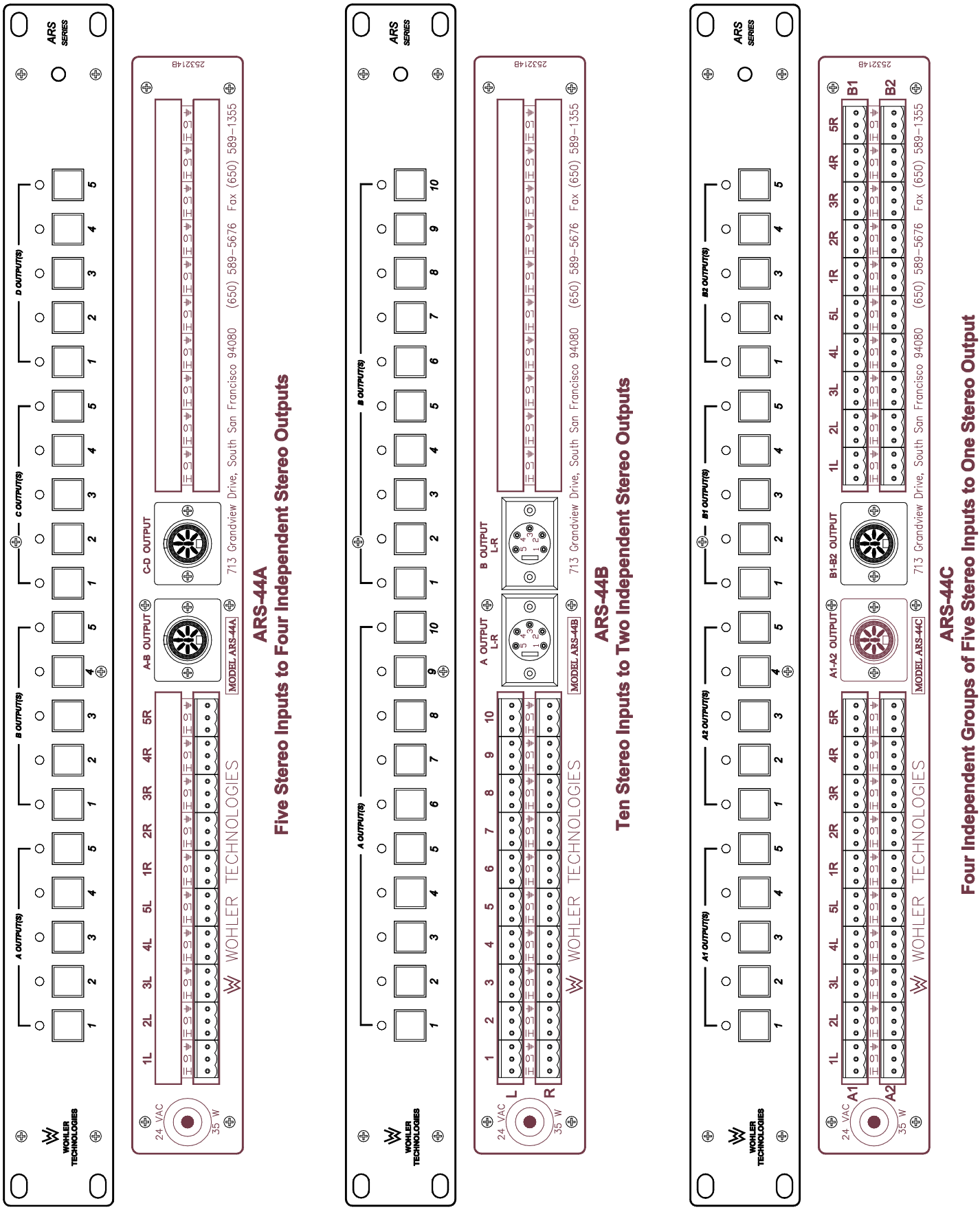
Front and Rear Panel Configurations



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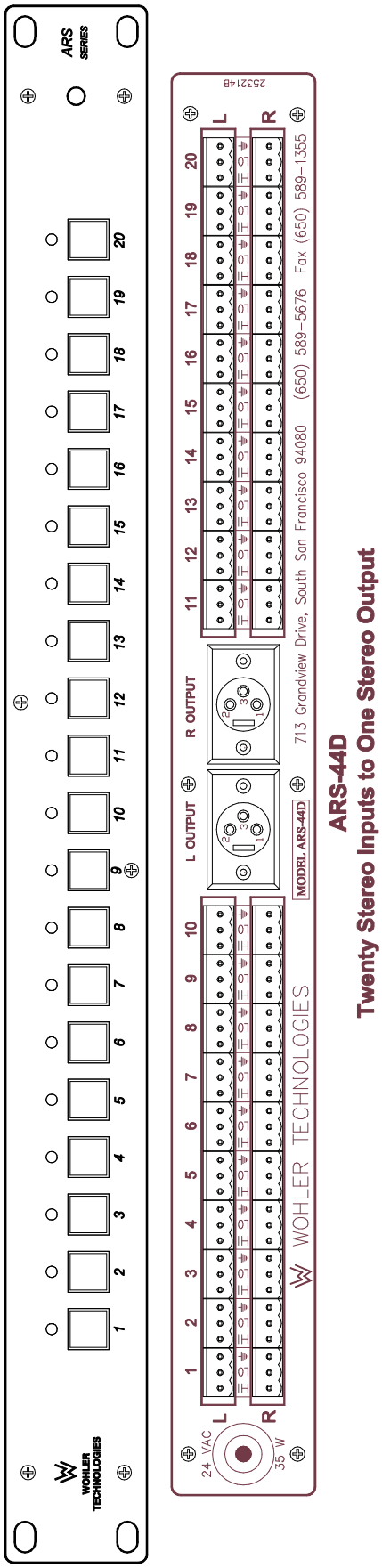
Front and Rear Panel Configurations



ARS-44D
Twenty Stereo Inputs to One Stereo Output

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Section 2

Operation

Installation
Front and Rear Panel Features

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Installation

Mounting

The ARS unit should be mounted in a rack or console where convenient for the expected level of operation. If only occasional operation is expected, the unit might be located higher or lower in the rack than would be advisable if it is expected to be used frequently. The unit's chassis is only six inches deep, so it may be more convenient to connect the cables from in front of the rack. This would be especially useful where the ARS unit is adjacent to equipment with a fairly deep chassis. In that case, when attaching the plug-in terminal blocks, be sure that the cables are long enough to reach through the front of the rack.

Heat Dissipation

Heat produced by these units is negligible. No special considerations for cooling are necessary as long as the ambient temperature inside the rack area does not exceed approximately 60°C (140°F).

Mechanical Bracing

The chassis is securely attached to the front panel at six points along its surface, not just at the four corners of the chassis ears. This feature will reduce or eliminate rear bracing requirements in most mobile/portable applications. The weight of internal components is distributed fairly evenly around the unit.

Electrical Interference

As with any audio equipment, maximum immunity from electrical interference requires the use of shielded cable; however, satisfactory results can sometimes be obtained without it.

Power Supply

The ARS Series is powered by an external Universal Input/24VDC desktop power supply through a DC input connector at the rear panel. Since the opamp circuitry normally requires a split supply, a bias source is created at 1/2 the 24VDC level for proper opamp biasing.

Audio Connections

All input connections are on "Phoenix" style, screw clamp, plug-in terminal block connectors. Each input channel is on a separate plug-in terminal block. For connection to a single-ended (unbalanced) source, the unused input terminal must be jumpered to circuit common, which is easily done on the plug-in terminal block.

Output connectors are male XLR with three or five pins, or female DIN with 8 pins depending on the model. See page 20, in the Technical Information section for pin-out information for all models.

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Front Panel Features

Please refer to Figure-2a on the following page to familiarize yourself with the front panel features of the ARS Analog series units. The following sections describe these features and are referenced, by number, to Figure-2a.

Note: Only one of seven possible front panel configurations is shown in Figure-2a (Model ARS-44B). However, all controls and indicators function the same across the entire line of analog ARS models. See pages 6-11 for illustrations of all front panel configurations available in the ARS Analog series.

(1) Channel Select - Push Buttons

Push one of these buttons to select the input channel that will be routed to the configured output connector(s). A single push selects the indicated channel. A green LED above the button (See Item 2, below) will light up to indicate that the channel is selected. Pushing another Channel Select button selects a different channel and automatically de-selects the previously selected channel. To select more than one channel, push on one of the Channel Select buttons for a desired channel and hold it down while pressing additional buttons one at a time, until all desired additional channels are selected.

(2) Channel Select Indication - Green LEDs

These green LEDs light up to show that the associated Channel has been selected for routing to the output connector(s). These LEDs will be unlit to indicate that the channel is not selected.

(3) Power Indication - Green LED

When the supplied external power supply is connected to the power input on the rear panel (Item A, below) and mains power is operating, then this LED will glow green.

Rear Panel Features

Please refer to Figure-2a on the following page to familiarize yourself with the rear panel features of the ARS Analog series units. The following sections describe these features and are referenced, by letter, to Figure-2a.

Note: Only one of nineteen possible rear panel configurations is shown in Figure-2a (Model ARS-44B). However, general input and output characteristics are the same across the entire line of analog ARS models. See pages 6-11 for illustrations of all rear panel configurations available in the analog ARS series.

(A) Power Connector

Plug in the supplied external AC to 24VDC power supply into this connector to supply power to the ARS unit

(B) Audio Inputs - Phoenix Connectors

Plug in your standard analog audio inputs into these "Phoenix" style, screw clamp, plug-in terminal block connectors. There are from five to forty input connectors depending on the ARS model configuration being used. Please note that due to the modular nature of the rear panel, there will be blank spaces on models that are configured with less than forty input connectors and/or less than two output connectors.

(C) Audio Output(s) - 3-Pin, 5-Pin Male XLR or 8-Pin Din Connectors

These connectors provide outputs of the inputs as selected by the Channel Select buttons on the front panel (Item 1, above). Output connectors may be configured using one or two 3-Pin male XLR, 5-Pin male XLR, or 8-pin female DIN connectors, depending on the ARS model.

See page 20 for pin-out information for connectors used on all models and page 22 for function block diagram examples of ARS configurations.

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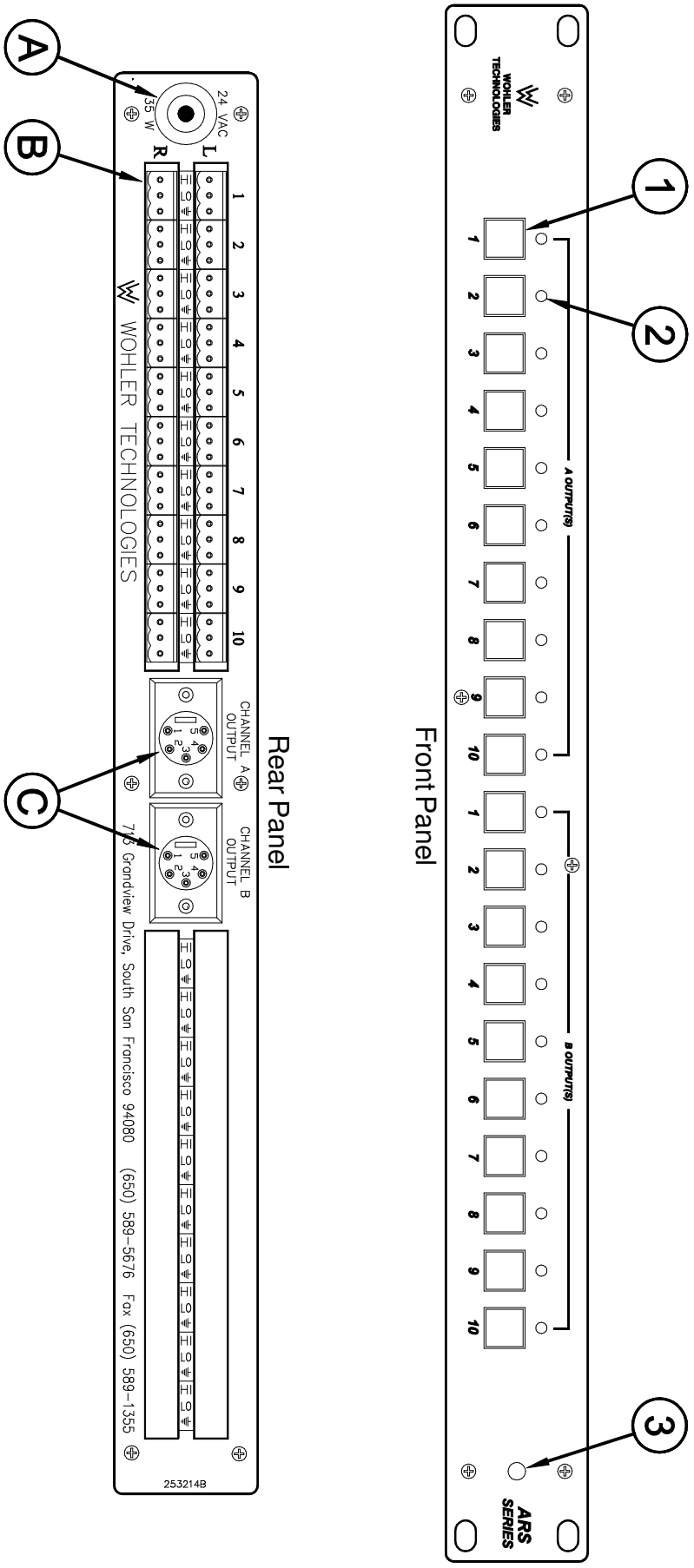

Figure-2a: ARS Series Front and Rear Panel Features

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Section 3

Technical Information

Connector Pin-Out Information
Function Block Diagram Examples
General Circuit Description

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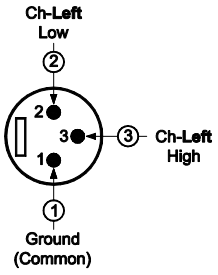
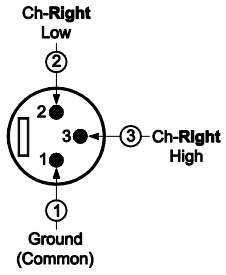
Connector Pin-Out Information

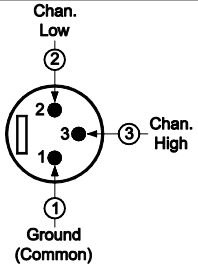
The following diagrams show the pin-out information for all connectors used in the Analog ARS Series. All diagram pin-out designations for the output connectors refer to the labels as applied to the input connectors on the rear panel for each particular model. Connector illustrations are oriented as if the viewer is looking at the external rear panel straight on. Connector pin numbers are shown within circles with arrows pointing to the referenced pin.

ARS-11, 22B, 44D Output Pin-Outs

3-Pin XLR **Left** Channel (Left) Output Connector	3-Pin XLR **Right** Channel (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Ground (Common) Pin-2 = **Left** Chan., Low Pin-3 = **Left** Chan., High	Pin-1 = Ground (Common) Pin-2 = **Right** Chan., Low Pin-3 = **Right** Chan., High

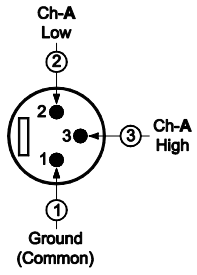
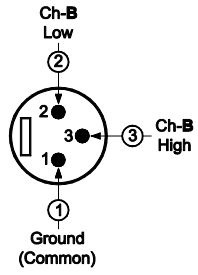
ARS-21A, 21B, 42D, 42B Output Pin-Outs

3-Pin XLR **All** Channels Output Connector(s)

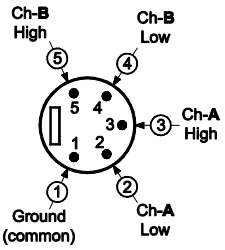
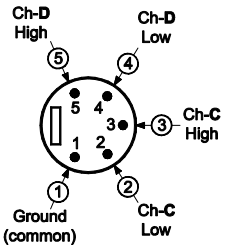


Pin-1 = Ground
Pin-2 = Channel **Low**
Pin-3 = Channel **High**

ARS-21C, 42E Output Pin-Outs

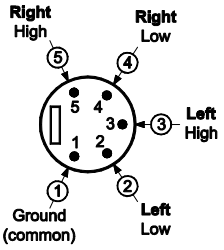
3-Pin XLR Channel **A** (Left) Output Connector	3-Pin XLR Channel **B** (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Ground (Common) Pin-2 = Channel **A**, Low Pin-3 = Channel **A**, High	Pin-1 = Ground (Common) Pin-2 = Channel **B**, Low Pin-3 = Channel **B**, High

ARS-12, 42A, 42C Output Pin-Outs

5-Pin XLR Channel **A** and **B** (Left) Output Connector	5-Pin XLR Channel **C** and **D** (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Ground Pin-2 = Chan. **A**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **A**, High Pin-4 = Chan. **B**, Low Pin-5 = Chan. **B**, High	Pin-1 = Ground Pin-2 = Chan. **C**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **C**, High Pin-4 = Chan. **D**, Low Pin-5 = Chan. **D**, High

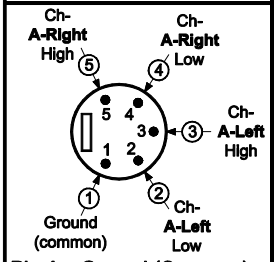
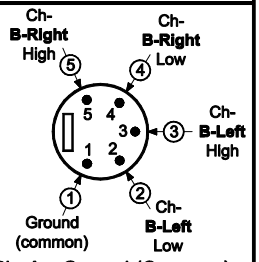
ARS-22A, 44B Output Pin-Outs

5-Pin XLR **Left** and **Right** Channels Output A and B Connector



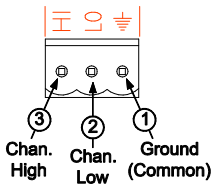
Pin-1 = Ground
Pin-2 = **Left**, Low
Pin-3 = **Left**, High
Pin-4 = **Right**, Low
Pin-5 = **Right**, High

ARS-22C Output Pin-Outs

5-Pin XLR Channel **A** (Left/Right) (Left) Output Connector	5-Pin XLR Channel **B** (Left/Right) (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Ground (Common) Pin-2 = Chan. **A-Left**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **A-Left**, High Pin-4 = Chan. **A-Right**, Low Pin-5 = Chan. **A-Right**, High	Pin-1 = Ground (Common) Pin-2 = Chan. **B-Left**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **B-Left**, High Pin-4 = Chan. **B-Right**, Low Pin-5 = Chan. **B-Right**, High

ARS Input Pin-Outs

3-Pin Phoenix **All** Channels Input Connectors



Pin-1 = Ground
Pin-2 = Channel **Low**
Pin-3 = Channel **High**

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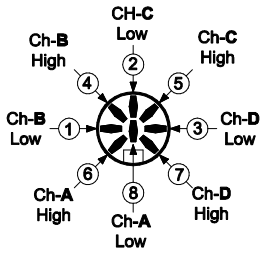
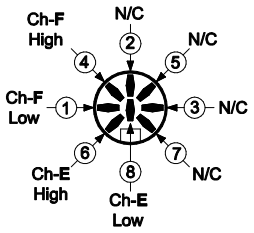
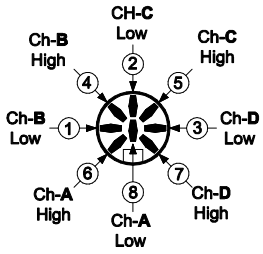
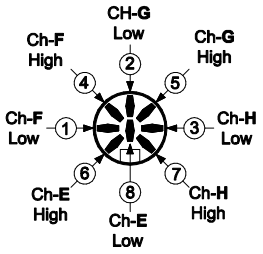
Connector Pin-Out Information

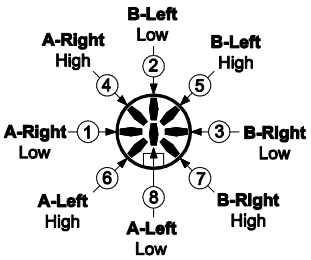
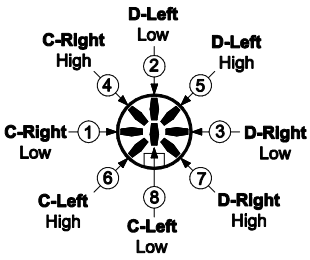
ARS-13
Output Pin-Outs

8-Pin DIN Channel **A, B, C, D** (Left) Output Connector	8-Pin DIN Channels **E, F** (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Chan. **B**, Low Pin-2 = Chan. **C**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **D**, Low Pin-4 = Chan. **B**, High Pin-5 = Chan. **C**, High Pin-6 = Chan. **A**, High Pin-7 = Chan. **D**, High Pin-8 = Chan. **A**, Low	Pin-1 = Chan. **F**, Low Pin-2 = N/C Pin-3 = N/C Pin-4 = Chan. **F**, High Pin-5 = N/C Pin-6 = Chan. **E**, High Pin-7 = N/C Pin-8 = Chan. **E**, Low

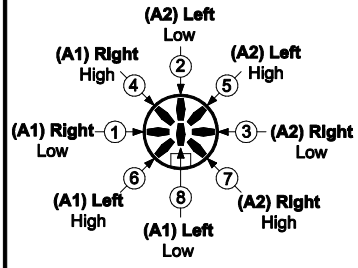
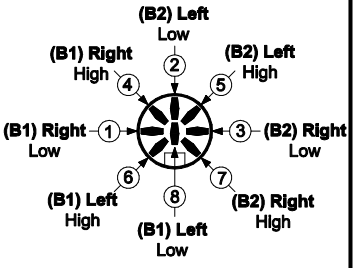
ARS-14
Output Pin-Outs

8-Pin DIN Channels **A, B, C, D** (Left) Output Connector	8-Pin DIN Channels **E, F, G, H** (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Chan. **B**, Low Pin-2 = Chan. **C**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **D**, Low Pin-4 = Chan. **B**, High Pin-5 = Chan. **C**, High Pin-6 = Chan. **A**, High Pin-7 = Chan. **D**, High Pin-8 = Chan. **A**, Low	Pin-1 = Chan. **F**, Low Pin-2 = Chan. **G**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **H**, Low Pin-4 = Chan. **F**, High Pin-5 = Chan. **G**, High Pin-6 = Chan. **E**, High Pin-7 = Chan. **H**, High Pin-8 = Chan. **E**, Low

ARS-44A
Output Pin-Outs

8-Pin DIN Channels **A** and **B** (Left/Right) (Left) Output Connector	8-Pin DIN Channels **C** and **D** (Left/Right) (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Chan. **A-Right**, Low Pin-2 = Chan. **B-Left**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **B-Right**, Low Pin-4 = Chan. **A-Right**, High Pin-5 = Chan. **B-Left**, High Pin-6 = Chan. **A-Left**, High Pin-7 = Chan. **B-Right**, High Pin-8 = Chan. **A-Left**, Low	Pin-1 = Chan. **C-Right**, Low Pin-2 = Chan. **D-Left**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **D-Right**, Low Pin-4 = Chan. **C-Right**, High Pin-5 = Chan. **D-Left**, High Pin-6 = Chan. **C-Left**, High Pin-7 = Chan. **D-Right**, High Pin-8 = Chan. **C-Left**, Low

ARS-44C
Two Stereo Output Pin-Outs

8-Pin DIN Channels **A1** and **A2** (Left/Right) (Left) Output Connector	8-Pin DIN Channels **B1** and **B2** (Left/Right) (Right) Output Connector
	
Pin-1 = Chan. **(A1) Right**, Low Pin-2 = Chan. **(A2) Left**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **(A2) Right**, Low Pin-4 = Chan. **(A1) Right**, High Pin-5 = Chan. **(A2) Left**, High Pin-6 = Chan. **(A1) Left**, High Pin-7 = Chan. **(A2) Right**, High Pin-8 = Chan. **(A1) Left**, Low	Pin-1 = Chan. **(B1) Right**, Low Pin-2 = Chan. **(B2) Left**, Low Pin-3 = Chan. **(B2) Right**, Low Pin-4 = Chan. **(B1) Right**, High Pin-5 = Chan. **(B2) Left**, High Pin-6 = Chan. **(B1) Left**, High Pin-7 = Chan. **(B2) Right**, High Pin-8 = Chan. **(B1) Left**, Low

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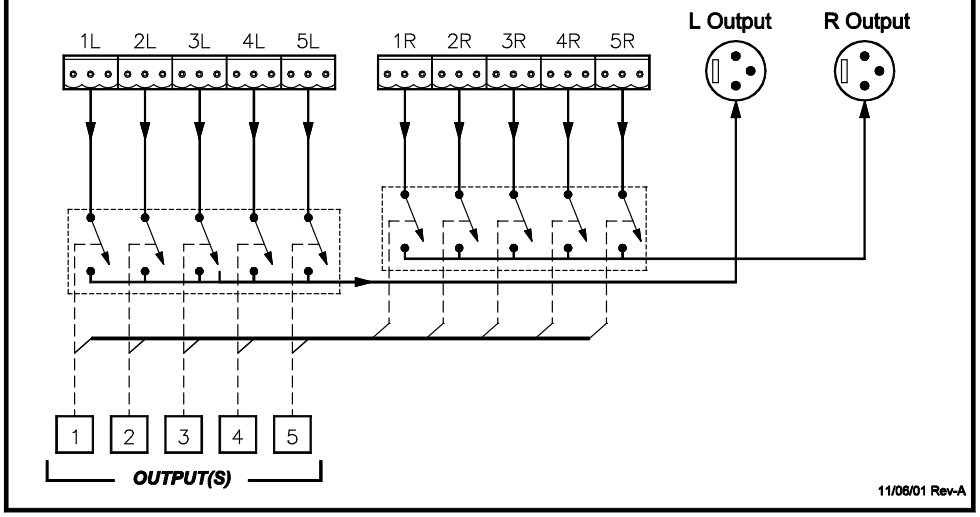
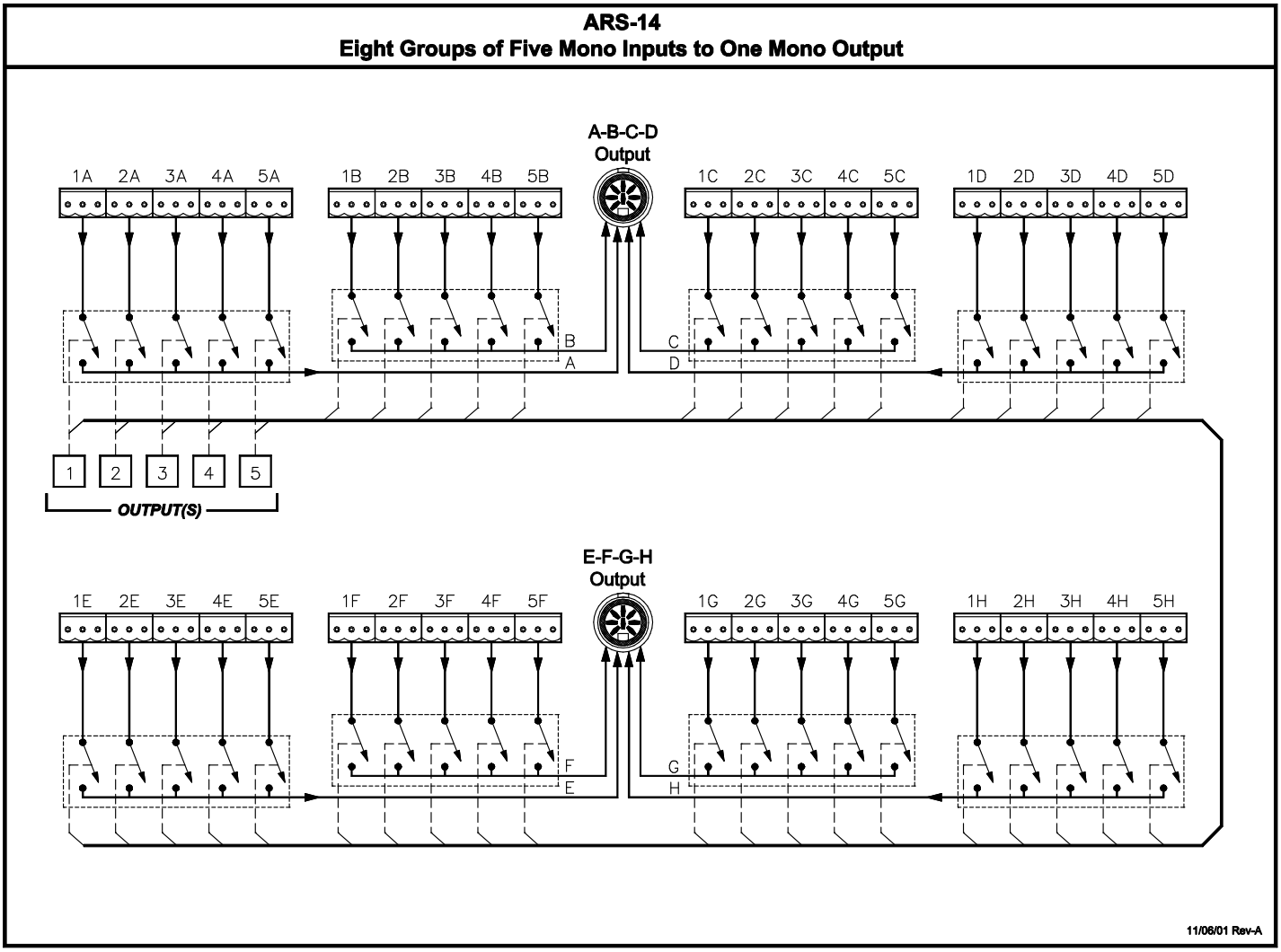
Function Block Diagram Examples

The following block diagrams illustrate source select and routing configurations for nine out of nineteen models available in the ARS Analog series. These block diagrams are provided for reference to show the differences in configurations possible in these units. Please note how the model descriptions corrospond to the illustrated configurations.

ARS-11
Five Stereo Inputs to One Stereo Output



ARS-14
Eight Groups of Five Mono Inputs to One Mono Output



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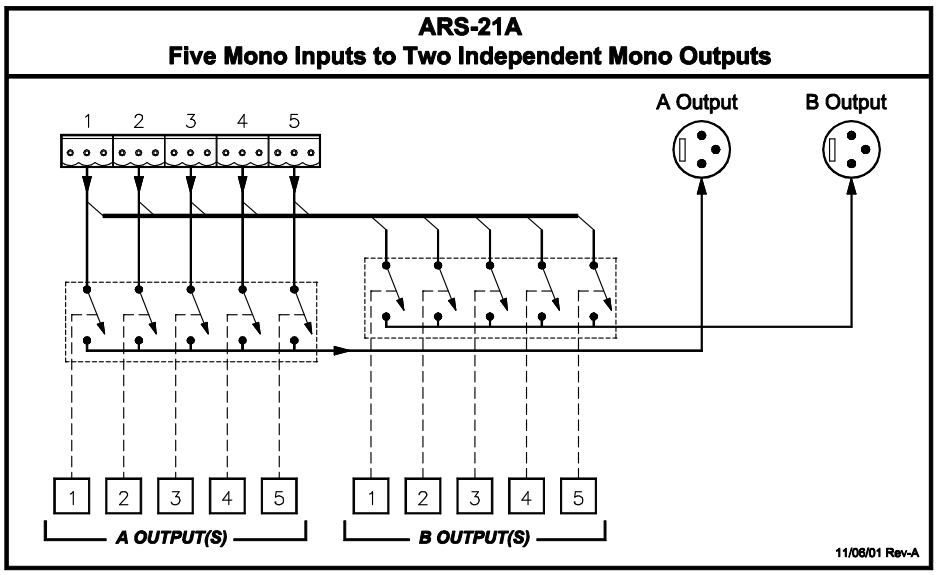
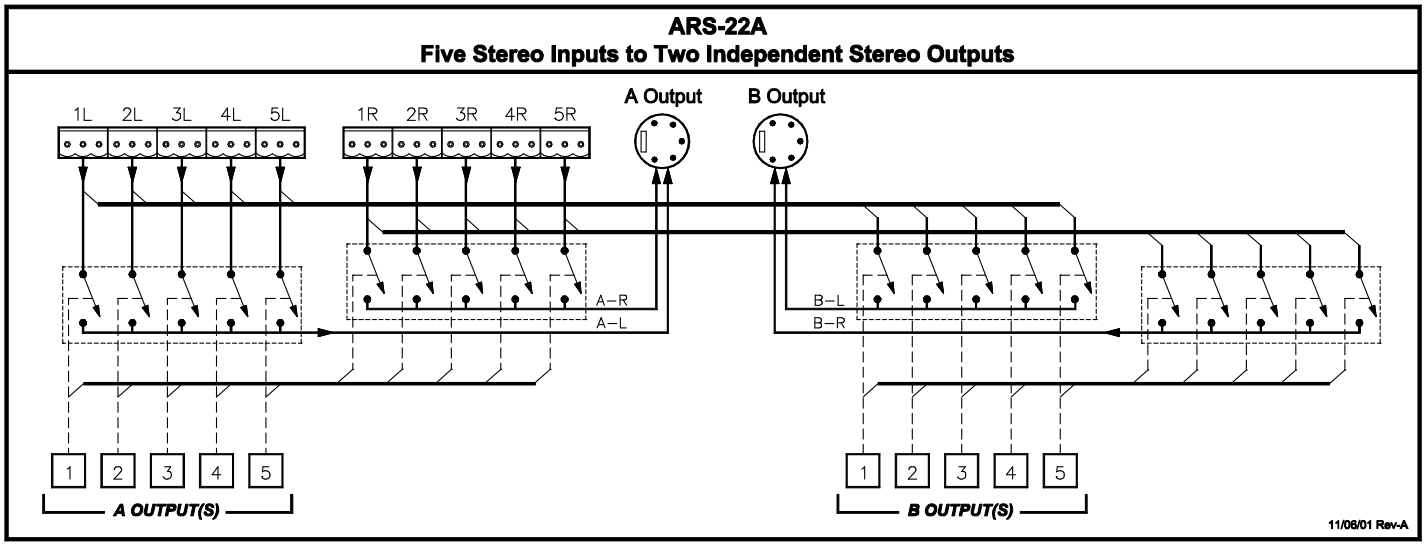
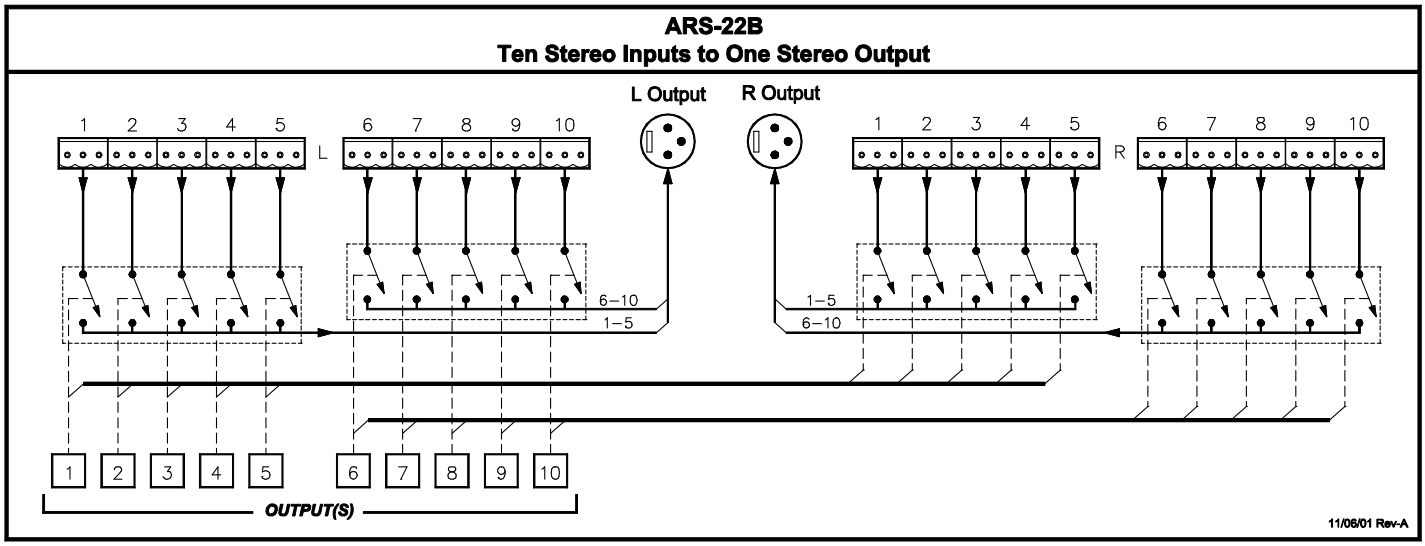
Function Block Diagram Examples







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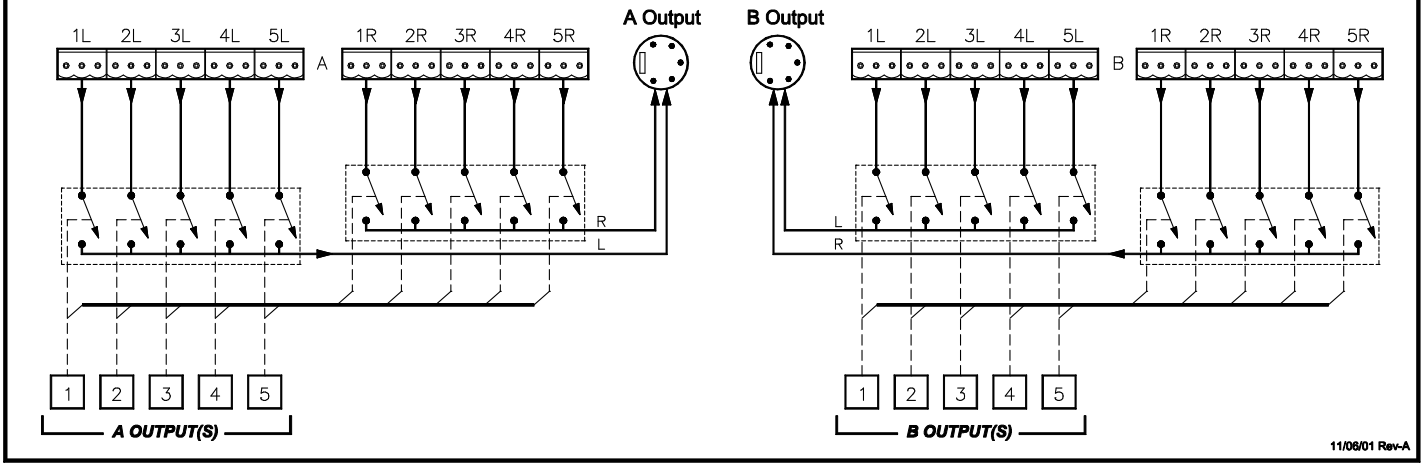
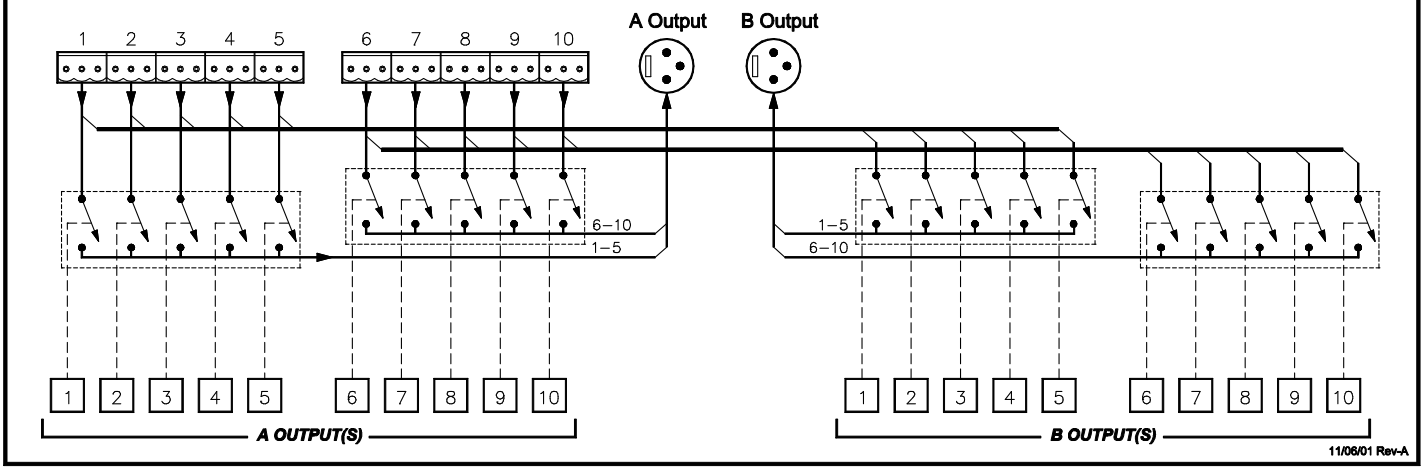
Function Block Diagram Examples

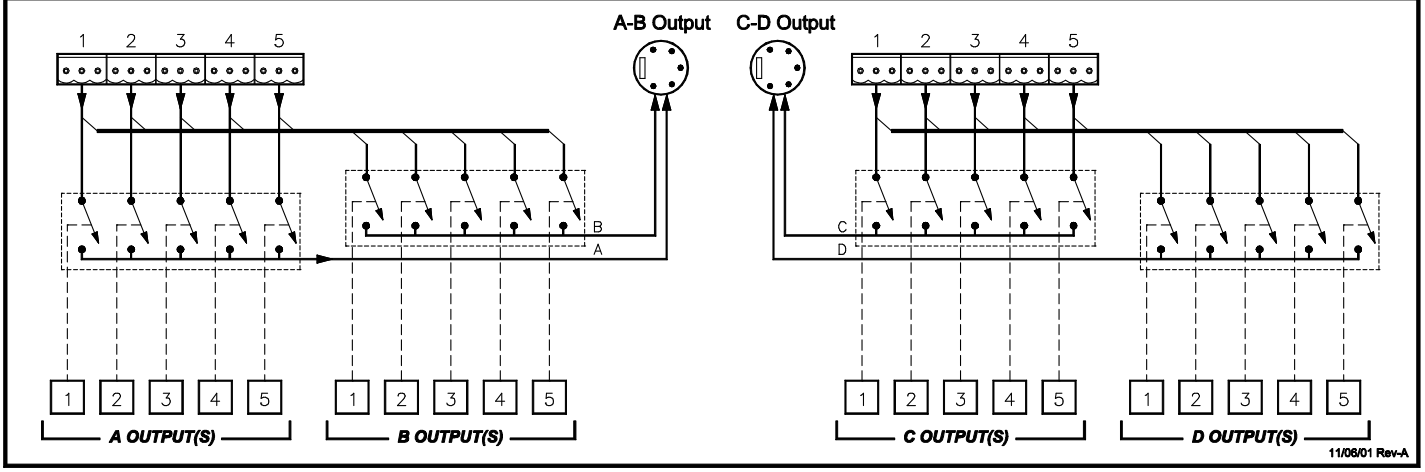
ARS-22C
Two Independent Groups of Five Stereo Inputs to One Stereo Output



ARS-42B
Ten Mono Inputs to Two Independent Mono Outputs



ARS-42C
Two Independent Groups of Five Mono Inputs to Two Independent Mono Outputs



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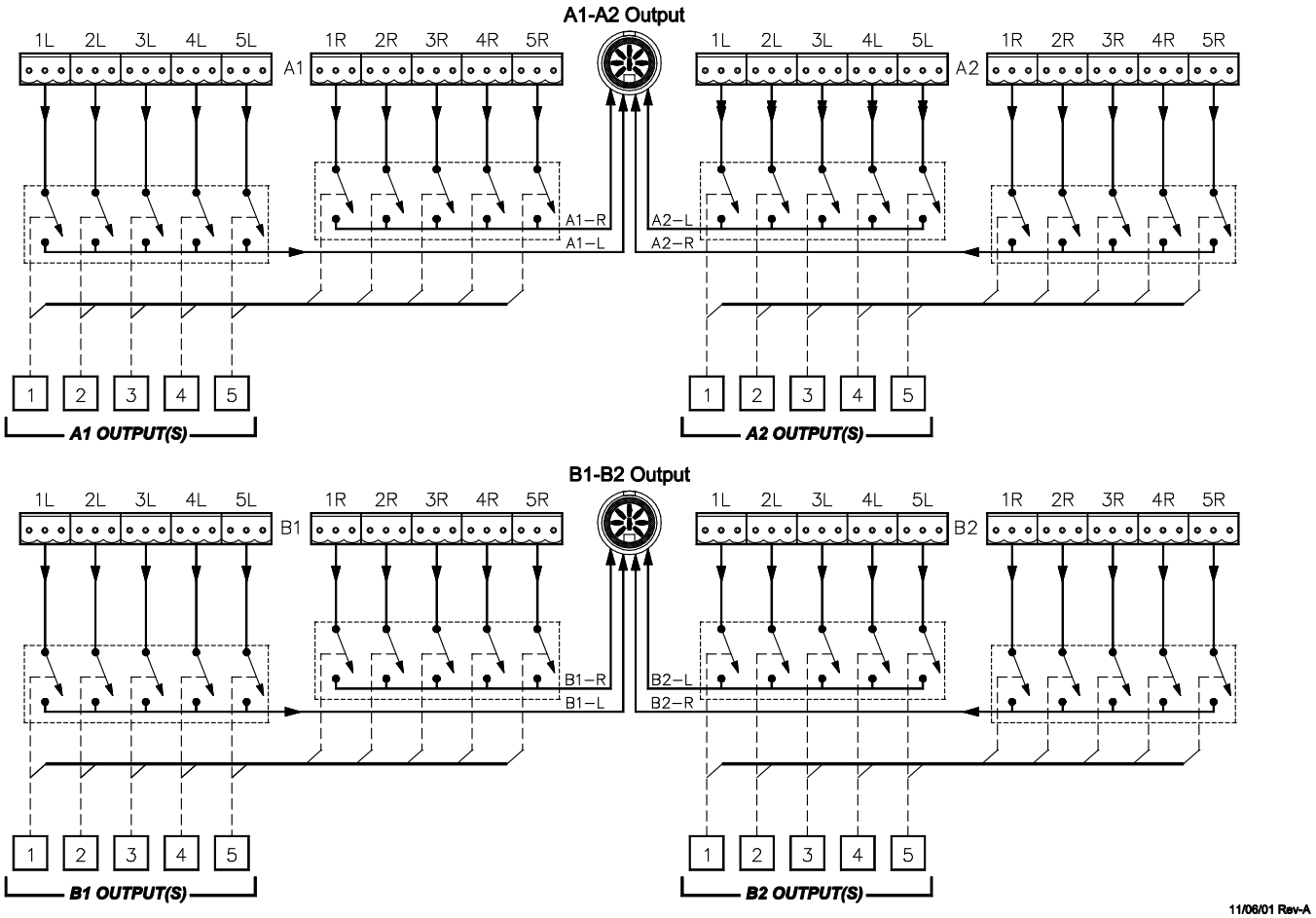
Function Block Diagram Examples

ARS-44C
Four Independent Groups of Five Stereo Inputs to One Stereo Output



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General Circuit Description

Analog Switch and Button Backplane PCBs

Since a single-sided 24V supply is used, all op-amps are “biased” with a 1/2 supply reference. The CMOS devices are powered from a separate zener-regulated 18V source on each analog switch and backplane board. The analog switch elements are in series with an opamp summing junction, so they can handle very high input signal levels without any "breakthrough" effect. The 4053's shunting contacts to AC ground improve off isolation. The inverting input of any op-amp is sensitive to any stray capacitance to circuit common; though the summing amp design includes stabilizing elements, care should taken to avoid capacitive loading of the summing busses. They are jumpered between switchboards in some configurations.

The power supply board connects directly to the rightmost buffer/latch board ("backplane" board). Looping through that board, it is jumpered to the remaining one or three other buffer/latch boards, and is then jumpered over to the audio switch boards. The 4 position power harness between buffer/latch boards also carries the keypad interlock bus.

The momentary contact closure to circuit common from the front panel button switch is translated by the backplane board (assy 719125) to a latching high level (approximately 15-18 VDC) to drive the control inputs on the CMOS analog switch board. The interlock function is implemented thus: Each button switch actuation generates a reset pulse to shut off any circuit(s) which were previously ON. The reset pulse to any particular channel is overridden while that channel's switch is closed, so two or more inputs may be switched on simultaneously. .

A tally/brightness control line for linkage to external units may be paralleled from the analog switch control inputs. This circuit point may be used for remote control applications (either input or output) so long as loading, input voltage limiting, and backplane driver isolation precautions are observed. External connections to these control lines are via one or more D-sub connectors at the rear panel. Momentary actuation remote control circuits may instead be connected to the backplane inputs, but there is no extra header for the physical connection. There is also an "enable" bus connected to pin 6 of each 4053. It is available on H3 and H4, pin 12. (for bank switching or other special functions)

If it becomes necessary to dissassemble a stacked audio switchboard assembly, insure that the upper board is positioned directly over the lower one when reassembling. Should it inadvertently be displaced toward either the front or rear, the power connections may become shorted.

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Appendix A

PCB Layouts and Schematics

919013S
Multi-Channel Input PCB
Layout
Schematic

919125
ARS Switch Interlock PCB
Layout
Schematic

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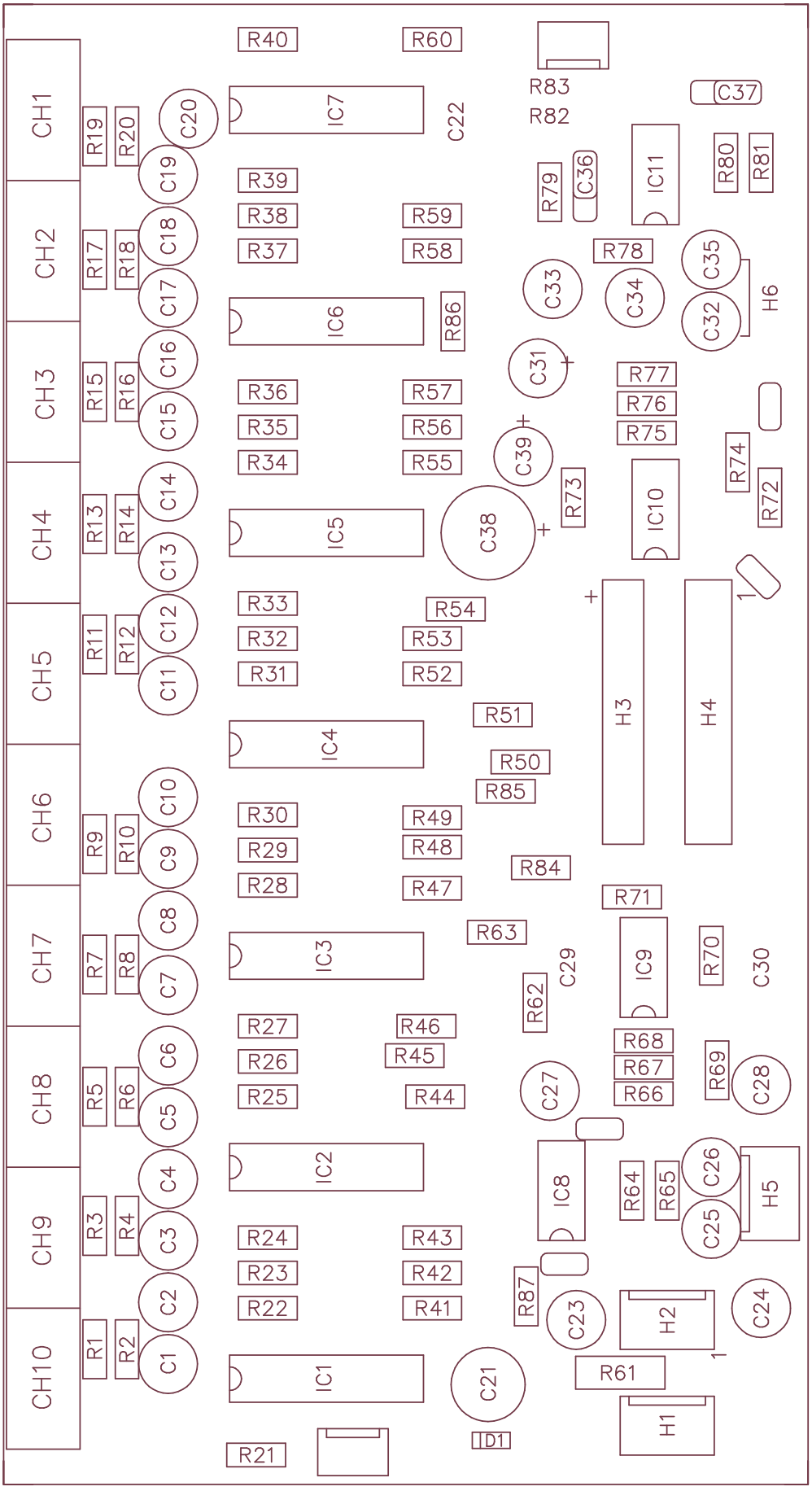
919013S - Multi Channel Input PCB Layout



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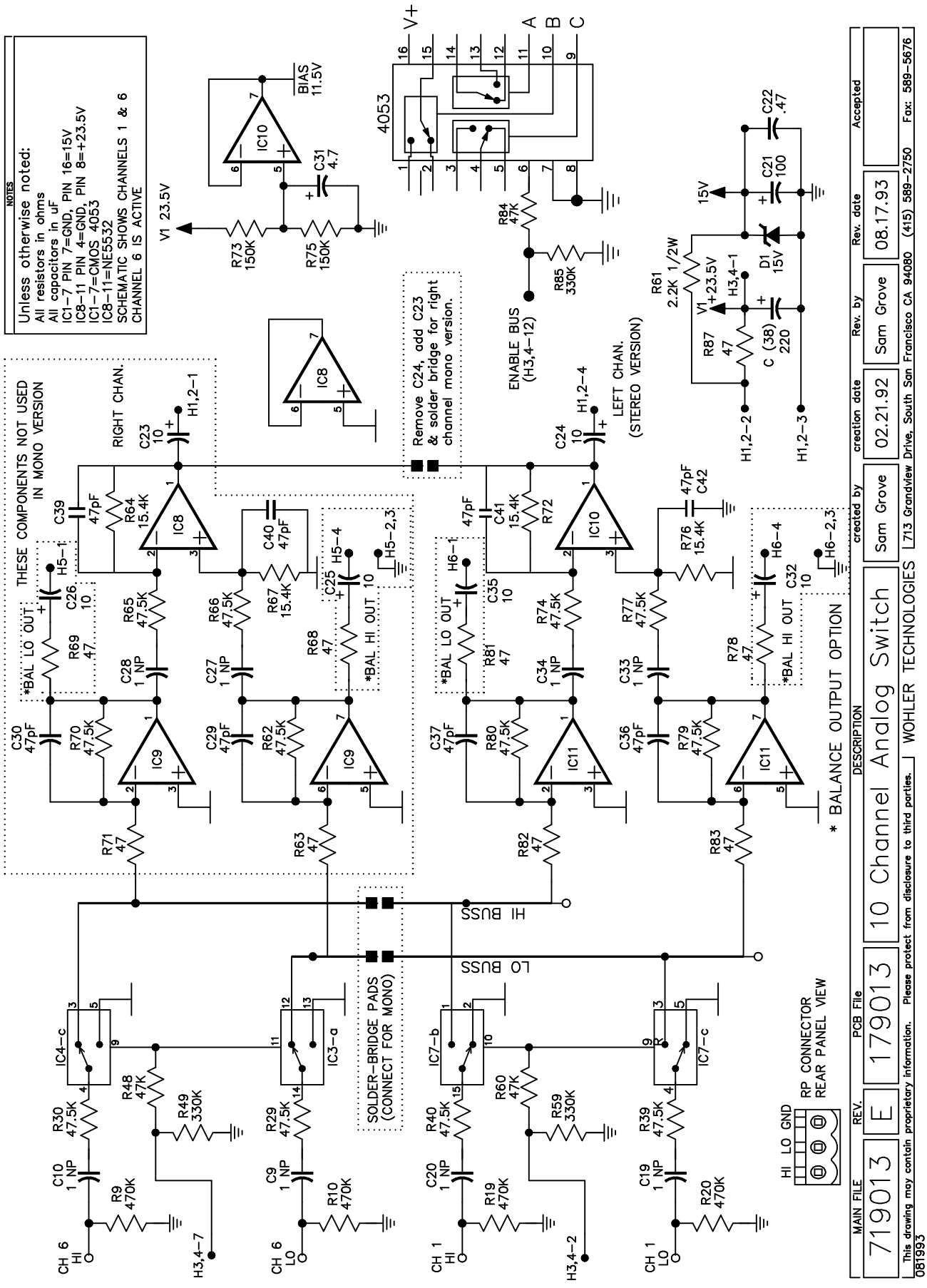
919013S - Multi Channel Input PCB Schematic



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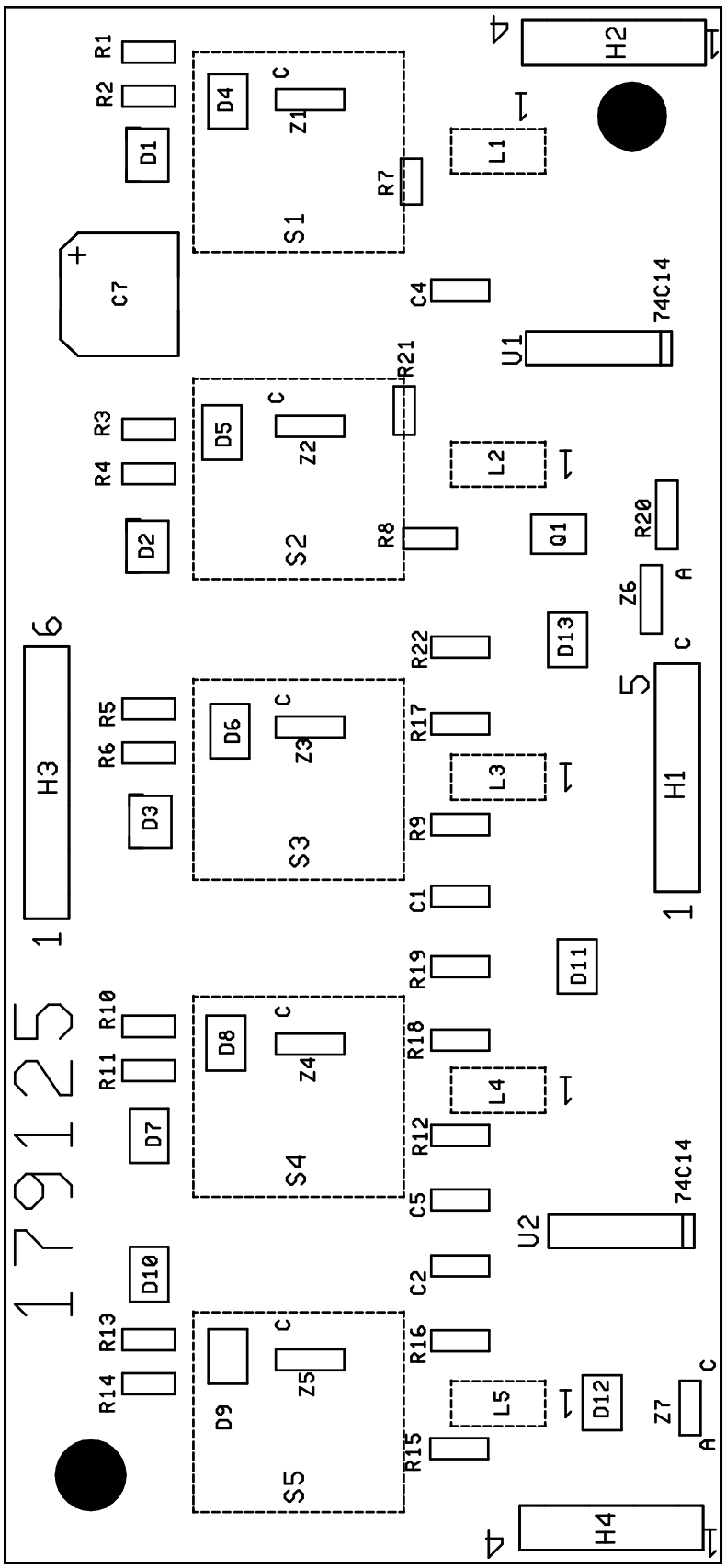
919125 - ARS Switch Interlock PCB Layout



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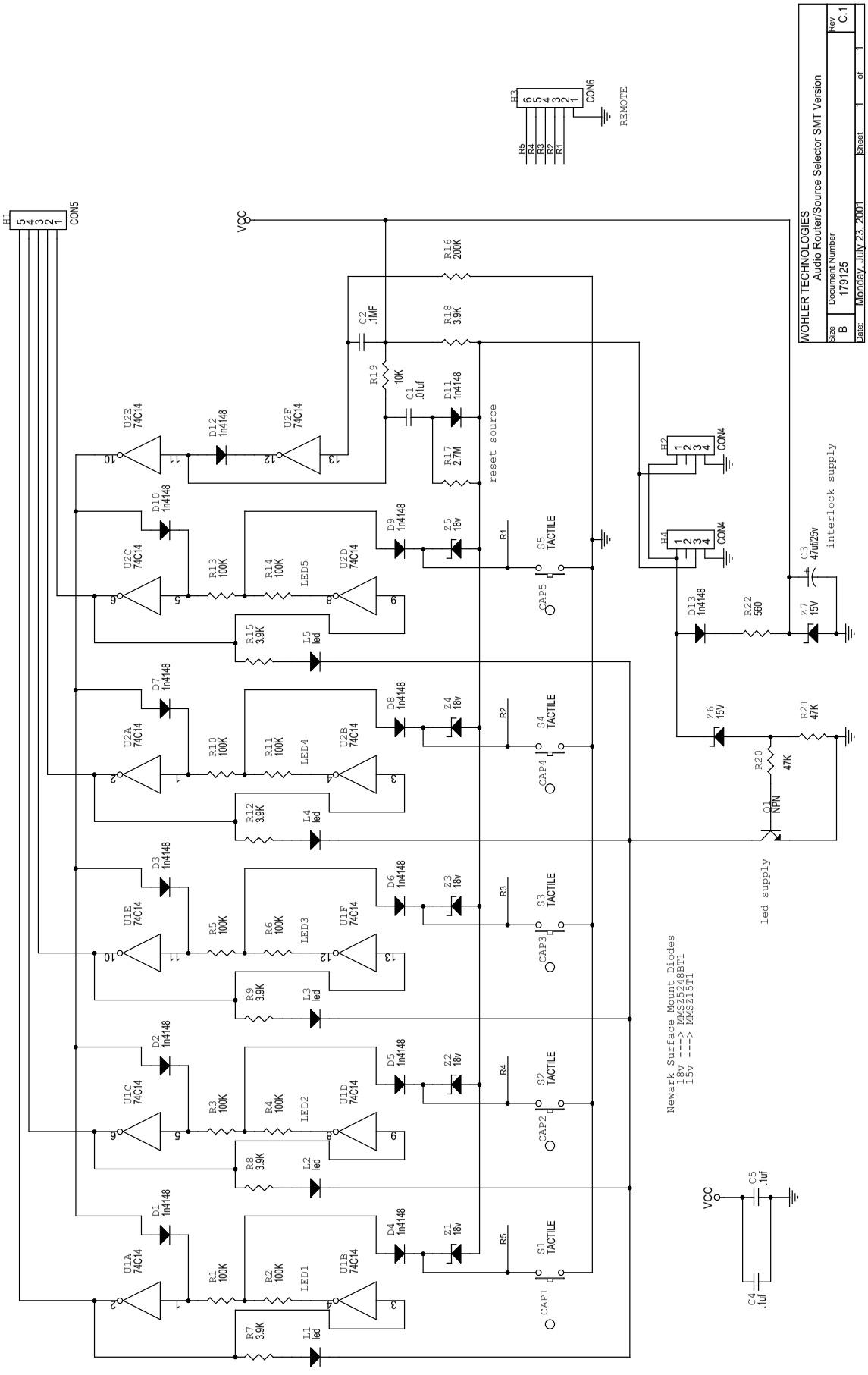
919125 - ARS Switch Interlock PCB Layout



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